

END BLACK LUNG NOW AND FOREVER!



THE KEY TO PREVENTION IS CONTROLLING THE DUST

MINERS & SUPERVISORS need to:

- ✓ Know their dust control plan.
- ✓ Be sure that dust control work properly on every production shift.
- ✓ Repair damaged dust controls immediately
- ✓ Participate in x-ray programs.

Operators are required to :

- ✓ Have dust control plans in place and ensure that coal mine dust is controlled to levels not harmful to anyone.
- ✓ Perform on-shift checks and take accurate dust samples.
- ✓ Train miners on the hazards of over-exposure to coal mine dust.
- ✓ When necessary, provide properly-selected and -fitted respirators.

The MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION will:

- ✓ Provide educational materials directly to miners.
- ✓ Assist operators in training miners on coal mine dust exposure hazards.
- ✓ Develop monitors to continuously measure respirable dust levels.
- ✓ Work to ensure that dust samples reflect the level of dust that miners actually breathe.
- ✓ Expand MSHA'S sampling to multiple surveys each year.
- ✓ Initiate a 'spot inspection' program in cases of repeated non-compliance with dust standards or non-representative dust samples.

BLACK LUNG IS A PREVENTABLE DISEASE

Questions and Comments about this program?

Contact your local MSHA office or call 703/235-2600

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